(b) whether Government have selected 15 destination points for development as tourist spots;

(c) if so, their location and details of the development plans drawn in respect of each of these points;

(d) whether Government have also drawn up a coordinated tourism development plan involving all the States, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what special steps Government have taken to attract foreign tourists to visit the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, the Department of Tourism has identified eighteen extension circuits for promotion during the year, which also amis at strengthening tourism infrastructure.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Some of the steps taken to attract foreign tourists include:

(i) Simplification of visa procedure including grant of multi-entry visa.

(ii) Promotion of new areas and travel circuits in the country.

(iii) Promotion of traditional fairs and festivals during the year.

(iv) Strengthening of tourism infrastructure in the country.

(v) Aggressive marketing campaigns in selected international markets.

Boeing services for Belgaum

973. SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines is planning to make improvement at the Belgaum Airport for operation o Boeing service;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) what are the details abou other facilities Indian Airlines pro pose to provide at Belgaum Airpor in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHR MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) t (c) Due to financial constraints, the National Airports Authority has nc plans at present to upgrade Belgaum airport for Boeing aircraft operations The Indian Airlines is maintaining a computerised booking office for facilitating reservation and ticketing o passengers on other sectors of Indian Airlines.

Distance Measuring Equipment a Imphal airport

974. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cour of Enquiry of Bombay Avro Crash or 5th August, 1979 recommended availability of D.M.E. to pilots;

(b) whether Indian Commercia Pilots Association had also asked the DGCA for installation of D.M.E. a Imphal;

(c) if so, whether Imphal D.M.E (Distance Measuring Equipment) i co-located; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHR MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The Court had recommended tha steps should be taken to equip al HS-748 aircraft with Distance Measuring Equipment.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Imphal air port has VOR, NDB and I.L.S. facilities. The National Airports Authority has a plan to instal D.M.E. at Imphal airport shortly.

Setting up of Flight Inspection Directorate

975. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tata Committee in 1979 had recommended the setting up of a Flight Inspection Directorate for D.G.C.A. Flight Inspectors; and

(b) if so, whether it has been set up strictly as per the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Incident near Jamshedpur airfield

976. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an incident had taken place near the Jamshedpur airfield on the 10th July, 1991, involving a D.G.C.A. Flight Inspector on board of a TISCO aircraft; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken by the D.G.C.A. thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Cessna aircraft VT-EHV was engaged in local flying at Jamshedpur on 10-7-1991. The aircraft made a normal landing, and while turning slowly to the left near the end of the runway, it stopped just outside the edge of the runway. The incident is under investigation.

Commissioning of Gas based power project in Madhya Pradesh

977. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned 2.02 million cubic metre gas per day from HBJ pipeline to the gas based power project at Bhander district Gwalior in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the project has not been conducted with HBJ pipeline resulting in non-commissioning of the power project;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for delay in connecting the project with pipelines with the main HBJ pipeline; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be connected with the HBJ pipeline?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Selection for pilots in Air India

978. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the reserved quota of SCs/STs and OBCs has not filled up properly in the Air India;

(b) what is the procedure for selecting pilots in Air India; and

(c) how many lady pilots appeared for the interview of pilots recent-